

Amendments to the Claims

1. (previously presented): A method of reducing fraudulent access to communication system resources by a mobile station, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a first message to invoke performance of a first authentication procedure;

receiving a second message containing a first parameter indicating a status of the first authentication procedure and containing at least a second parameter associated with a second authentication procedure; and

in response to receiving the second message, determining whether to initiate call setup for the mobile station prior to the second authentication procedure completing successfully.

2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of determining comprises the steps of:

determining whether the first parameter indicates that the first authentication procedure completed successfully;

when the first parameter indicates that the first authentication completed successfully,

initiating call set setup before the second authentication procedure has completed;

when the second authentication procedure completes successfully, continuing with call setup; and

when the second authentication procedure does not complete successfully, discontinuing call setup.

3. – 4. (cancelled)

5. original): The method of claim 1 wherein the second authentication procedure is a Unique Challenge procedure.

6. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the second authentication procedure is an SSD Update procedure.